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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF MARIO BENARDO VACUO

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0457

1. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE QUERIES CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MARIO BENARDO VACUO, SECRETARY OF THE BUENOS AIRES BAR ASSOCIATION, AND DEFENDER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. VACUO WAS KIDNAPPED IN NOVEMBER.

2. ACCORDING TO A REPORT CIRCULATING IN WASHINGTON, VACUO WAS SEEN ALIVE IN JUNE AT A SECRET NAVY CAMP.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON THIS CASE. VANCE

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